

IN THE CLAIMS

1.-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A coin bank comprising:
a housing including a coin receiving area for receiving unsorted coins;
a coin sorting assembly mounted in said housing, wherein said coin sorting assembly comprises a rotating coin separating member, including at least one coin receiving aperture, supported on a housing, including at least one coin sorting aperture, wherein said at least one coin receiving aperture periodically overlies said at least one coin sorting aperture as said coin separating member rotates on said housing;
a drawer slidably mounted in said housing adjacent said coin sorting assembly, said drawer operatively associated with a guide disposed on said housing;
a coin tube support in said drawer; and,
a plurality of coin tubes supported on said coin tube support for holding sorted coins.

28. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 27 further comprising a coin overflow container.

29. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 27 further comprising a coin slide structure positioned in said housing between said coin sorting assembly and said drawer.

30. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 29, wherein said coin slide structure includes a plurality of coin slide areas.

31. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 30, wherein each of said slide areas has an upper end and a lower end, wherein said lower end of each of said slide areas is located adjacent a different one of said plurality of coin tubes.

32. (Currently Amended) A coin bank adapted to sort coins of at least two different sizes, said coin bank comprising:
a housing having an opening;
a coin sorting assembly having a coin inlet and at least two coin outlets, said coin sorting assembly supported within said housing with said coin inlet operatively associated with said opening of said housing for receiving unsorted coins through said opening;

a drawer moveably supported for reciprocation within said housing approximately beneath said coin sorting assembly on at least one guide; and,

at least two coin slides supported within said housing between said coin sorting assembly and said drawer, wherein said at least two coin slides are oriented parallel to each other and lie in a common plane; and,

at least two coin tubes, each operatively associated with a different one of said coin outlets of said coin sorting assembly, via a respective one of said at least two coin slides, for receiving sorted coins therefrom, said at least two coin tubes being mounted on said drawer.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) The coin bank of claim ~~33~~ 32, wherein each of said coin slides has an upper end and a lower end, and each of said coin slides is supported within said housing such that said upper end thereof is operatively associated with a different one of said coin outlets of said coin sorting assembly.

35. (Currently Amended) The coin bank of claim ~~33~~ 32, wherein each of said coin slides has an upper end and a lower end, and each of said coin slides is supported within said housing such that said lower end thereof is operatively associated with a different one of said coin tubes.

36. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 35, wherein said lower end of said coin slides includes a curvilinear wall.

37. (Currently Amended) The coin bank of claim ~~33~~ 32, wherein said at least two coin slides together comprise a unitary coin slide structure.

38. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 37, wherein said slide structure includes a dividing wall extending between adjacent ones of each of said at least two coin slides.

39. (Currently Amended) A coin bank adapted to sort a quantity of coins of at least four diameters, said coin bank comprising:

a housing including a coin receiving opening;

a coin sorting assembly having a coin inlet ~~and four coin outlets~~, said coin sorting assembly supported within said housing such that said coin inlet is located adjacent said coin receiving opening of said housing;

~~four~~ a coin slides each slide having an upper end and a lower end, ~~each of said coin slides~~ supported within said housing such that said upper end thereof is located adjacent a ~~respective one of said coin outlets~~ an outlet of said coin sorting assembly;

a drawer slidably supported within said housing and reciprocating between a retracted position and an extended position in relation to said housing; and,

~~four~~ a coin tubes tube supported in said drawer such that ~~a respective one of said coin tubes is positioned adjacent said lower end of each of said coin slides in said retracted position of said drawer at an angle in relation to a horizontal plane, wherein a movement of said drawer between said extended and retracted positions changes the angle of said coin tube in relation to the horizontal plane.~~

40. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 39 further comprising an overflow container supported within said housing.

41. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 39, wherein said housing includes a base portion and a cover portion, and said drawer is supported on said base portion.

42. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 39, wherein said lower end of ~~each~~ of said coin slides slide includes a curvilinear wall.

43. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 39, wherein ~~each of said coin tubes~~ tube has an open upper end for receiving sorted coins and partially open lower end in which is positioned a post for supporting a stack of sorted coins.

44. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 43, wherein said post extends into ~~each of said coin tubes~~ tube from said coin tube base.

45. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 39, wherein ~~each of said four coin slides~~ slide includes a plurality of sections which are separated from each other by walls which together comprise a coin slide structure.

46. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 45, wherein said housing includes a base portion and a cover portion, and at least one of said coin sorting assembly and said coin slide structure is secured to said upper cover portion.

47. (Currently Amended) A coin bank comprising:
a housing including a coin receiving area for receiving unsorted coins;
a coin sorting assembly mounted in said housing;
a drawer slidably mounted in said housing adjacent said coin sorting assembly, said drawer being slidable from a retracted position to an extended position in relation to said housing; and,
a plurality of ~~coin tubes~~ sorted coin holders selectively held by said drawer for holding sorted coins, wherein said plurality of ~~coin tubes~~ sorted coin holders comprises a row of ~~coin tubes~~ sorted coin holders which are oriented at a common acute angle in relation to a horizontal plane.

48. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 47 further comprising a coin overflow container.

49. (Currently Amended) The coin bank of claim 47 wherein each ~~coin tube~~ sorted coin holder in said row of ~~coin tubes~~ sorted coin holders is configured to hold coins of a given maximum diameter.

50. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 47, wherein said drawer comprises a manually graspable portion.

51. (Previously Presented) The coin bank of claim 50, wherein said manually graspable portion is located on a front wall of said drawer.

52. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The coin bank of claim 47, wherein said drawer and said housing cooperate to define a slide and a guide in order to enable said drawer to be slidable in relation to said housing.

53. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The coin bank of claim 27, wherein said guide includes a first cooperating member on said housing and a second cooperating member on said drawer.

54. (Currently Amended) A The coin bank of claim 53, wherein housing includes a bottom wall and said first cooperating member is an elongated rail projecting upwardly from said bottom wall.

55. (Currently Amended) A The coin bank of claim 54, wherein said second cooperating member includes an elongated slot extending along said drawer.

56. (New) The coin bank of claim 47 further comprising a coin overflow area for coins not accommodated in said plurality of sorted coin holders.

57. (New) A coin sorter apparatus comprising:
a housing;
a coin sorting assembly mounted in said housing, wherein said coin sorting assembly comprises:

a coin sorting plate including at least one coin sorting aperture, and

a coin carrying member, including at least one coin receiving aperture, said coin carrying member including a circular portion which is rotatably mounted on said coin sorting plate;

a drawer slidably mounted in said housing adjacent said coin sorting assembly, said drawer being slidable from a retracted position to an extended position in relation to said housing; and,

a set of sorted coin holders held by said drawer for accommodating associated sorted coins when said drawer is in the retracted position and selectively removable from said drawer when said drawer is in the extended position wherein each coin holder includes a side wall and a base to define a hollow interior and a post extending from said base into said hollow interior to regulate the number of associated sorted coins held in said coin holder.